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Applicant: Yuji HATADA et al. Conf.: 3031
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For: GENE ENCODING ALKALINE LIQUEFYING ALPHA-
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Slobodyansky*
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 12, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated December 4, 2000, and to the Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) mailed January 11, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9, 11 and 17-19.

= 2. (Four times Amended) An isolated DNA molecule, that encodes SEQ ID NO. 2 the amino acid sequence described in Sequence No. 2 or a fragment thereof having α -amylase activity.